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Dear Legislators:

I am Neil Meyer, longtime resident of the Swan Valley and 50-plus years as a logger. We contract logged for Pyramid Mountain Lumber 24 years. We still send a load or two of logs off our land each year, blow down and bug hits.

I am supporting the legislative bills, HB 669 and 674. We need to support blocking up our forests. This provides for more effective sustainable health forest management. We also need to support our local mills having a place to send wood provided by forest management.

I've looked into the forest all my life and have confidence in the State DNRC to manage our forest lands sustainably for wildlife, water and wood products.

We need healthy forests growing and local industry milling and public accessibility.

Another thought, most of us sit in a home provided by wood.

As I look around it comes to me that sooner or later all of us will leave this place. Shouldn't we leave it as good or better than we found it?

Sincerely,



Neil Meyer